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February 24, 2005

The Honorable David H. Wilkins
Speaker of the South Carolina House of Representatives
508 Blatt Building
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Re: H3475 and the Barnwell Nuclear Waste Disposal Facility

The Governor's Nuclear Advisory Council has become aware of your proposed bill H3475 - Fiscal Discipline Act and the potential that limited funds for repayment of the long term care of the Barnwell Nuclear Waste Disposal Site could become available if H3475 is enacted. The Governor's Nuclear Advisory Council strongly endorses and supports legislation and/or legislative actions that begin to restore the Barnwell Long Term Care Fund to at least the \$75 million dollars estimated to be needed for long term care of the site. We have also been pleased that Governor Sanford has in his Executive Budget proposed repayment of \$25 million to the Long Term Care Fund for the 05 - 06 fiscal years.

The Council is hopeful that both H3475 and the Governor's proposed partial repayment to the Barnwell Long Term Care Fund will become enacted in this legislative session. Even partial restoration of the \$75 million Long Term Care Fund would be a prudent step toward restoration of the \$75 million recommended by the Chicago Engineering and Financial Firm of Bradburne and Co., who conducted an extensive evaluation of needed funds in a study prepared for the Budget and Control Board on April 25, 2002.

The Nuclear Advisory Council is encouraged by the farsightedness of the proposed legislation and is grateful for your initiative that could be of great value for the long term health and safety of the Barnwell Site as we look to the future. The Barnwell Site has been a significant asset to the State, to the Nuclear Industry and to public education.

Please give the Council an opportunity to assist constructively in any way you think appropriate.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ben Rusche".
Ben Rusche, Chairman

Governor's Nuclear Advisory Council

c: Scott English, Governor's Office



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